

save those handicapped people, to develop training mechanisms and response to enter those buildings, to rescue those people from floods and tornadoes and earthquakes. But unfortunately, my colleagues, again largely on the minority side, said to me, "If you keep that in, we can't support your amendment." And so as a result, I pulled that provision from my amendment and I had to offer the amendment in an amended form with only the \$100 million of funding.

Mr. Speaker, I hope our colleagues, in reading both my statement last Thursday and my comments here tonight, understand what really happened with the provision for CDBG. It was not an attempt to undermine the CDBG program. It was not an attempt to get our foot in the door, as one of my colleagues said. Mr. Speaker, there is no better way to help poor people than to provide life safety for poor people. Today HUD has a system of measures that do not make sense, that are ridiculous, that are outrageous, as I just cited in two instances are a gross waste of taxpayers' money. I think, Mr. Speaker, the program needed reform and I will continue this effort, hopefully with my colleagues' support. Mr. Speaker, again I want to thank our colleagues who voted for the amendment. For those who did not I would ask them to reconsider. I now want to focus the attention of our colleagues on the other body.

Mr. Speaker, we need to create an awareness among our Senate colleagues that this issue is extremely important. I would ask my colleagues to lobby the leaders in the other body on the need to move this legislation to provide this \$100 million of funding. On the way home from Washington last week, Mr. Speaker, I had the pleasure of a phone conversation with a distinguished Senator from Delaware, BILL ROTH, who this year is chairman of the Congressional Fire and EMS Caucus which I formed 13 years ago. Senator ROTH has said that he will champion this issue in the Senate and even though Senator LOTT has said he will not bring up an emergency supplemental bill as an individual piece of legislation, Senator ROTH has said he will champion the amendment that I offered as a separate freestanding effort in the Senate. Mr. Speaker, we need our colleagues to use every bit of energy to convince every member of the other body to support Senator ROTH's efforts in moving this \$100 million piece of legislation through in a very quick and timely manner. I would encourage our colleagues to enlist the support of their constituents all across America.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KUYKENDALL). The Chair must remind the gentleman that he is to not ask for action in the other body.

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. I am asking our colleagues, Mr. Speaker, to respond. I am not asking for action in

the other body. I am asking our colleagues to use their influence and their influence with other individuals to support legislation that we have passed here.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman should refrain from urging any particular action on the part of the Senate.

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. I am not asking the Senate to do anything, Mr. Speaker. I am asking our colleagues who are in the House to take appropriate action. I am not challenging the other body to do anything. If the parliamentarian would listen to my statement, I am challenging the Members of this body who happen to be our colleagues in the House to take action and support the legislation we passed last Thursday.

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Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, so I do not get the Parliamentarian upset again, I will just say that to all of our colleagues who supported the amendment last week, I would encourage them to continue to exert their full influence in having the legislation that we passed not just leave this body quickly with the support of the Speaker, but to also be joined in a bipartisan effort to become law. I would urge our Members to use their voice to convey that message to their constituents all across America, because passage in this body is not enough. It is a nice message, it is a great win, but it does not, in fact, become law until the entire process is completed.

So, Mr. Speaker, I encourage our colleagues to use their voices with their constituents and interact with their constituents across America to get the message of the importance of fire and life safety across this Nation.

Mr. Speaker, again I want to thank all of our colleagues on both sides of the aisle for their actions. I want to thank them for their support. This measure is historic. It is an unprecedented event and is one that I hope will eventually become law, and with the support of the Nation's First Responders, I am confident that will happen.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. DIAZ-BALART (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) for today on account of official business in his district.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. McNULTY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. BALDWIN, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. HOOLEY of Oregon, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WU, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BARCIA, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. MILLENDER-McDONALD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. THURMAN, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. JONES of North Carolina) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. NORWOOD, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, April 11.

Mr. METCALF, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. KELLY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. GUTKNECHT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 46 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, April 5, 2000, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

6931. A letter from the Chief, Programs and Legislation Division, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of Defense, transmitting the Secretarial Determination To Temporarily Waive The Applicability Of 10 U.S.C. Subsection 2466(a); to the Committee on Armed Services.

6932. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Force Management Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting the annual report on Access and Purchase Restrictions in Overseas Commissary and Exchange Stores; to the Committee on Armed Services.

6933. A letter from the Director, Office of Legislative Affairs, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule—Loans in Areas Having Special Flood Hazards—received January 21, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

6934. A letter from the Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting the Department's final rule—Preparing Tomorrow's Teachers To Use Technology (RIN: 1840-AC81) received January 21, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6935. A letter from the Chairman, Board of Trustees, Harry S. Truman Scholarship Foundation, transmitting the Foundation's annual report for 1999, pursuant to 20 U.S.C. 2012(b); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

6936. A letter from the Acting Director, Office of Administration, Executive Office of the President, transmitting the White House personnel report for the fiscal year 1999, pursuant to 3 U.S.C. 113; to the Committee on Government Reform.

6937. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a report of surplus real property

transferred in FY 1999 for public health purposes, pursuant to 40 U.S.C. 484(o); to the Committee on Government Reform.

6938. A letter from the Executive Director, Committee For Purchase From People Who Are Blind Or Severely Disabled, transmitting the Committee's final rule—Additions and Deletions—received January 20, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Government Reform.

6939. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Analysis, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting notification that the inventory of commercial activities currently being performed by Federal employees has been completed; to the Committee on Government Reform.

6940. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the FY 1999 report pursuant to the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3512(c)(3); to the Committee on Government Reform.

6941. A letter from the Chairwoman, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting the 1999 Assurance Statement and Report; to the Committee on Government Reform.

6942. A letter from the Inspector General, General Services Administration, transmitting the Audit Report Register; to the Committee on Government Reform.

6943. A letter from the Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting the Inventory of Commercial Activities; to the Committee on Government Reform.

6944. A letter from the Secretary of Education, transmitting the Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act Report for Fiscal Year 1999; to the Committee on Government Reform.

6945. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Cameron, MO [Airspace Docket No. 99-ACE-49] received February 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6946. A letter from the Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule—Amendment to Class E Airspace; Estherville, IA [Airspace Docket No. 99-ACE-54] received February 11, 2000, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

6947. A letter from the Under Secretary, Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting the response to the Report of the Congressional Commission on Servicemembers and Veterans Transitions Assistance; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

6948. A letter from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the report entitled, "Outreach to Gulf War Veterans"; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. COMBEST: Committee on Agriculture. H.R. 728. A bill to amend the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide cost share assistance for the rehabilitation of structural measures constructed as part of water resource projects previously funded by the Secretary under such Act or related laws; with an amendment (Rept. 106-484 Pt. 2).

Mr. LINDER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 457. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3660) to amend title 18, United States Code, to ban partial-birth abortions (Rept. 106-559). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2328. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the Clean Lakes Program; with an amendment (Rept. 106-560). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. SHUSTER: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 1775. A bill to catalyze restoration of estuary habitat through more efficient financing of projects and enhanced coordination of Federal and non-Federal restoration programs, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 106-561 Pt. 1).

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the Committee on Resources discharged from further consideration. H.R. 728, a bill to amend the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to provide cost share assistance for the rehabilitation of structural measures constructed as part of water resource projects previously funded by the Secretary under such Act or related laws referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed.

TIME LIMITATION OF REFERRED BILL

Pursuant to clause 5 of rule X the following action was taken by the Speaker:

H.R. 1775. Referral to the Committee on Resources extended for a period ending not later than June 9, 2000.

H.R. 3615. Referral to the Committee on Commerce extended for a period ending not later than April 5, 2000.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. JACKSON of Illinois:

H.R. 4161. A bill to strengthen the rights of workers to associate, organize and strike, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. JACKSON of Illinois (for himself, Mr. FATTAH, Ms. NORTON, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Mr. CLAY, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. FARR of California, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Ms. CARSON):

H.R. 4162. A bill to assure protection for the substantive due process rights of the innocent, by providing a temporary moratorium on carrying out of the death penalty to assure that persons able to prove their innocence are not executed; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HOUGHTON (for himself, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. COYNE, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. CRANE, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. SHAW, Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut, Mr. HERGER, Mr. MCCRERY, Mr. CAMP, Mr. RAMSTAD, Mr. NUSSLE, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. DUNN, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. ENGLISH, Mr. WATKINS, Mr. WELLER, Mr. HULSHOF, Mr.

MCINNIS, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. FOLEY, Mr. MATSUI, and Mr. BECERRA):

H.R. 4163. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for increased fairness to taxpayers; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BACHUS (for himself, Mr. PAUL, Mr. DELAY, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. BARR of Georgia, and Mr. RILEY):

H.R. 4164. A bill to prohibit the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System from implementing certain proposed revisions to Regulation B of the Board that would allow the race, color, religion, national origin, or sex of an applicant for a nonmortgage credit product to be noted on the application with the applicant's consent; to the Committee on Banking and Financial Services.

By Mr. CANNON (for himself, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. FILNER, Mr. HANSEN, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. HUNTER, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. DRIEER, Mr. PASTOR, Mr. SHADEGG, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. SALMON, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. GIBBONS, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. KOLBE, Mr. BACA, Mr. STUMP, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. HERGER, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. HAYWORTH, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. MCINNIS, Mr. ORTIZ, Mr. HORN, Ms. VELAZQUEZ, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Mr. RADANOVICH, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. COOKSEY, Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania, Mr. CAPUANO, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. WEINER, Mr. BECERRA, Mr. GONZALEZ, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. HINOJOSA, Mr. REYES, Mr. ROMERO-BARCELO, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Mr. UNDERWOOD, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. FORBES, Mr. CUMMINGS, Mrs. MEEK of Florida, and Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD):

H.R. 4165. A bill to assist the economic development of the Ute Indian Tribe by authorizing the transfer to the Tribe of Oil Shale Reserve Numbered 2, to protect the Colorado River by providing for the removal of the tailings from the Atlas uranium milling site near Moab, Utah, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Commerce, and Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CONDIT:

H.R. 4166. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide criminal penalties for the harassment of victims of Federal offenses by the convicted offenders; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DELAHUNT (for himself, Mr. LAHOOD, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. HOUGHTON, Mr. STUPAK, Mr. BOEHLERT, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, and Mr. HASTINGS of Florida):

H.R. 4167. A bill to reduce the risk that innocent persons may be executed, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DOGGETT (for himself, Mr. GEPHARDT, Mr. BONIOR, Mr. FROST, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts, Mr. STARK, Mr. MATSUI, Mr. COYNE, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. KLECZKA, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mrs. THURMAN, Mr. BECERRA, Ms. DELAUNO, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. HOYER, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. ACKERMAN, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. ANDREWS, Mr. BACA, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. BALDACCIO, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin, Ms.